

South American Base Ball Tour Being Arranged by Ted Sullivan

TED SULLIVAN IS HERE TO PLAN PAN-AMERICAN BASE BALL TRIP

Pioneer Promoter Confers With Delegates Attending Scientific Congress—Lannan Not Worrying About Hold-Outs.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Ted Sullivan, one of the pioneers of base ball, is in this city conferring with delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress in regard to a trip through South America next winter of a couple of star base ball teams, one of which probably will be the Chicago White Sox. Ever since Comiskey made the trip around the world a few years ago he has been anxious to tour the South American countries, and Sullivan, who has much experience in the arranging of details of long trips to foreign countries, is here to talk things over with the big men from the Latin American republic now here.

Sullivan has had numerous conferences with the visitors, and he believes that in due time arrangements for an elaborate trip will be consummated. "I am satisfied that if we can take a couple of strong teams through South America we will not only have a successful financial trip, but we will create interest in the game which may result in strong leagues being formed down in those countries where the game is sure to become decidedly profitable," said Sullivan.

"We would take a team of stars down there and show the people that the American game is what it is. It would tighten the bonds between those countries and Uncle Sam, and who knows but that in due time the winner of the big league in that country would play the winner of the championship of our major leagues for the world title."

There are fifteen players on the Federal League list which the Yankees have named as desirable, but, of course, they do not hope to get more than three or four of them, and will be lucky to corral that many.

Owners Ruppert and Huston deserve a lot of credit for the efforts they are making to better their team. If they can get a winner, the Yankees are apt to have a very profitable season. There never was a better opportunity for the Giants will need more strengthening for next season than will the Yankees, and whichever of the two teams makes the best showing undoubtedly will have the bulk of the patronage.

It is admitted by Owner Joe Lannan of the Red Sox that several of his players have not signed their contracts for next season, but the Boston owner very wisely admits that he is not doing any worrying about the players, now that the season is over. Lannan made the following remarks:

"I did all the worrying about signing players while the war was on, but they can do the worrying now. However, I can't anticipate any trouble in getting the boys into line. Some of them apparently forget that the war is over, but they will realize it before the season starts. Lannan is a very shrewd manager in the Federal League and an prepared to stand pat on my 1915 team for next year, but unless some of the boys show some reason in their demands I may have to pick up some of the surplus talent which will be available in many instances. Some of the club owners have paid ball players far more than their playing ability or the gate receipts justified. Simply because wartime conditions made it necessary. I have already renewed some contracts for next season, but the Boston owner raised youngsters whose work last season deserved it. At the same time I expect to reduce some of the salaries, as players on all clubs have been getting more than they were worth."

Mr. Lannan took occasion to deny the story sent out from St. Louis a few days ago that Branch Rickey would succeed Bill Carrigan as manager of the Boston Sox. "Bill is a good manager, but I am not a chance of anybody succeeding Carrigan," said the Boston owner. "Bill is a great fellow, and a very good manager. We always have been on the best of terms and I never thought of displacing him."

Johnny Evers, after getting one of Owner Gaffney's letters to the effect that any player who had a run-in with the umpires next season and was suspended would not draw pay during the vacation, made it known that he would quit base ball just as soon as his present contract expires. As this agreement still has two years to run, Evers will go along and help to win another pennant for the Braves, and by the time his contract is finished he will be glad enough to sign another one for he likes the game too well to quit.

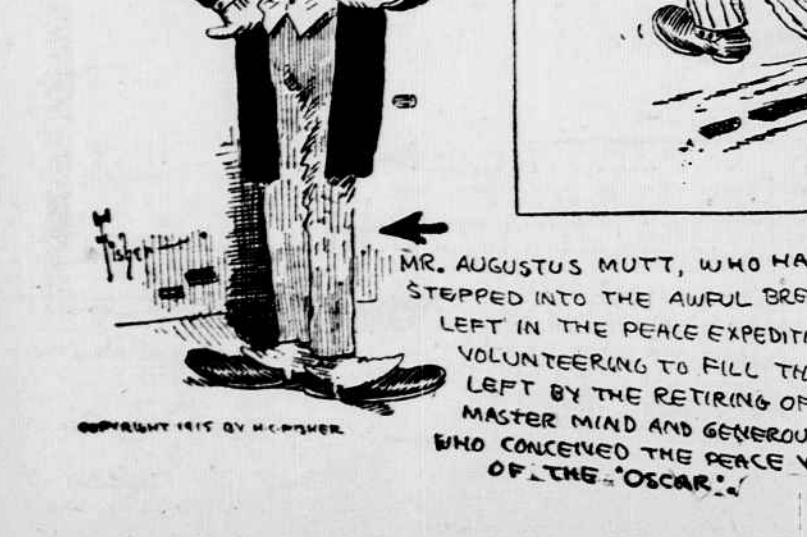
Robert Hedges is being given credit for having made a lot of coin out of base ball, having started the Browns with an investment of \$25,000 and having sold them for \$425,000. But Hedges cannot hold a candle to Charley Murphy. The former owner of the Cubs undoubtedly is a millionaire and he made it all out of the Cubs, which he purchased in 1902. In a few years Murphy has cleared up a fortune. He was penniless, and world series and when he retired he was so well heeled that

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MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Goes to the Rescue of the Peace Expedition.



SOMERS TO RETIRE

Bankers' Committee Refuses Offer of American League.

FRANCHISE MUST BE SOLD

Reported That Sinclair and Gwinner of Feds May Be the Purchasers.

CLEVELAND, December 30.—The American League last night made the formal announcement that the Cleveland Club was for sale and that Charles W. Somers would retire from the league which he was largely responsible in organizing fifteen years ago.

Incidentally the sale of the Cleveland club was the only matter considered by the American League club owners at yesterday's meeting. Those magnates present at the meeting were President Ban Johnson, Frank Navin of Detroit, J. J. Lannan of Boston, Jacob Ruppert and Capt. J. L. Huston of New York and Charles Comiskey of Chicago.

The club owners were reluctant to let Somers retire from their ranks and offered to loan him \$100,000 upon a second mortgage to tide him through the 1916 season and take up some of the league's obligations. Similar action was taken several years ago to save the franchise in Washington and the league managers were not much moved to simplify matters in Cleveland and help Somers to place the game upon a financially sound basis in the sixth city.

Turned Down Offer.

The bankers' committee, however, absolutely declined to accept any such proposition. With George Steele, representing the bankers' committee, was A. V. Cannon, Somers' attorney. Both expressed the opinion that the club must be sold.

"We appreciate what the league would do for Mr. Somers," Steele said. "We are working hard to clarify his financial affairs and feel that to do so is a matter of honor. We are not concerned if Mr. Somers quit the game and sold out. We do not want the league to be a burden to him. We want him to leave the game with a clean conscience. We are working hard to clarify his financial affairs and feel that to do so is a matter of honor. We are not concerned if Mr. Somers quit the game and sold out. We do not want the league to be a burden to him. We want him to leave the game with a clean conscience."

To Interest Local Capital.

Messrs. Cannon and Steele were appointed a committee of two to endeavor to interest Cleveland capital in the purchase of the property. If they are successful in a reasonable length of time it was agreed that Mr. Somers' holdings should be taken over by outside capital, which means that Harry Sinclair or Ed Gwinner of the Federal League magnates might become the owner or owners. The ultimatum of the bankers means that Mr. Somers must dispose of his holdings in the New Orleans club as well as in the two Cleveland teams.

WORK ON AMATEUR PROBLEM.

Intercollegiate Athletic Association in Session Again Today.

NEW YORK, December 30.—The second session of a convention called by the Intercollegiate Athletic Association to draw up a definition of an amateur athlete will be held here late today.

SHORTEN AUTO RACE.

Annual Event at Indianapolis Cut From 500 to 300 Miles.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., December 30.—The annual Indianapolis motor speedway automobile race will be run over only 300 miles on May 30, 1916, instead of 500 miles, as for the past five years, according to the entry blanks, which were sent out today. The purses for the race also have been cut from \$50,000 to \$30,000, the first prize being fixed at \$12,000. There will be ten prizes, the same as in former years.

Under a new ruling that cars of the same make may be entered in the race. In addition to a factory team of three cars two additional cars of the same name may be entered by individuals not connected with the factory.

Baltimore Feds come out of the war looking for a new field made up for a "Retreat from Moscow" movie.

POSTPONE LEAGUE MEETING.

National May Wait Until Peace Negotiations Are Completed.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Announcement was made last night by John Heydler, secretary of the National League, that the reconvened annual meeting of the National League scheduled for Cincinnati January 4 has been indefinitely postponed.

WILLARD-FULTON BOUT IN NEW ORLEANS OFF

Lack of Interest Taken in Match by Sporting Authorities Probable Cause.

NEW ORLEANS, December 30.—Jess Willard, the world's heavyweight champion, and Fred Fulton will not fight here March 4. The scheduled match was definitely called off yesterday afternoon by Tom Jones, the champion's manager, and Tommy Burns, the promoter of the fight in Milwaukee, which Jones will endeavor to stage the encounter in Milwaukee.

The reason given for the cancellation was the refusal of Jones to agree to an elimination bout for Fred Fulton previous to the day of the contemplated championship fight.

What probably forced the declaring off of hostilities was the lack of interest taken in the match by the sporting authorities of the country.

BLANKS SENT OUT FOR A. A. U. MEET

Junior and Senior Track Championships to Be Held in New York.

DEATH OF TOM SHEVLIN

ASTOUNDS SPORT WORLD

Untimely End of Great Yale Grid-Iron Star Occasions Profound Sorrow.

BY H. C. BYRD.

The entry blanks for the National Amateur Athletic Union championships, junior and senior, have been forwarded from New York to all the colleges and athletic clubs in this section. The junior games are to be held at the 13th Regiment Armory, New York, January 29, and the senior at the 22d Regiment Armory, March 18.

The following events will be contested in both classes: Sixty-yard run, two-mile run, two-mile walk, seventy-yard hurdles, standing high jump, standing broad jump, running high jump, sixteen-pound shotput, running hop, step and jump; relay race, first man to run 40 yards; second, 220; third, 880, and fourth, one mile.

Whether any local athletes will take part in the championships is impossible to say. There are some men in the local colleges who probably could make a good showing in one or two events, though they are few and far between. It is questionable if there is an athlete in Washington, outside the colleges and schools, who could place in either the junior or senior competition.

When news came yesterday of the death of Tom Shevlin it struck Yale men in Washington and all followers of sports as being almost incredible. No one could seem to realize that it was a man who a short time past whipped, drove and cajoled a weak Yale eleven into beating Princeton and was still in death; that Shevlin the masterful, the strong in mind and body, the thoroughbred was suddenly in the occurrence caused feelings of incredulity, and then of even greater sorrow when it was established beyond doubt that Shevlin was a member of the track squad and played on the base ball team one year. Since leaving Yale as a graduate he has returned on two occasions and whipped foot ball teams, apparently hopelessly outclassed, into good enough shape to win victories over either Harvard or Yale.

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"Supreme confidence in himself was perhaps his dominant characteristic—a confidence that those who did not know him would have been slow to attribute to him. He was a man who talked about himself and his work that commanded respect and left no feeling of irritation."

Those two days that it was my privilege to spend with him in the Yale hotel last November, he tried to metamorphose the Yale foot ball eleven, will never be forgotten. A feeling of admiration and respect for him was quick as he was to make one feel at home and at ease. He did not think; he gave no thought to the future. He was a man who knew just when to rage, just when to laugh, just when to be serious, just when to be playful. He was a man who knew just when to be a man and when to be a boy.

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Coming down from New Haven one day last fall, he said to me: "I have never met the man I could not either thrash or outlast. These words give an insight into his remarkable personality, as it implied confidence that was overpowering. And yet he knew how to listen and how to absorb, sift and turn to his own use suggestions that he could not seem to let go of."

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lived this up by throwing out his broad chest and saying with one of his infectious smiles: "It looks as if I would live a long time, too." It did not seem to him that he was a man who a short time past whipped, drove and cajoled a weak Yale eleven into beating Princeton and was still in death; that Shevlin the masterful, the strong in mind and body, the thoroughbred was suddenly in the occurrence caused feelings of incredulity, and then of even greater sorrow when it was established beyond doubt that Shevlin was a member of the track squad and played on the base ball team one year. Since leaving Yale as a graduate he has returned on two occasions and whipped foot ball teams, apparently hopelessly outclassed, into good enough shape to win victories over either Harvard or Yale.

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By BUD FISHER.

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